

CLAIMS

- [1] A finishing agent for producing artificial flowers from natural plants with keeping the natural states of the plants, the finishing agent which consists of a solvent containing
- a) a lower alcohol of C1 - C3, and
 - b) at least one of polyhydric alcohols and/or glycol ethers
- in a weight ratio of 1 - 99 : 99 - 1.
- [2] A finishing agent according to Claim 1, wherein the polyhydric alcohols is selected from the group consisting of ethylene glycol, propylene glycol, diethylene glycol, dipropylene glycol, butyldiglycol, glycerin, thiodiethylene glycol, monoethyl glycol, polyethylene glycol, polypropylene glycol, poly(oxyethylene - oxypropylene)glycol, ethyldiethylene glycol, polyoxypropylenetriol, and poly(oxyethylene - oxypropylene)triol.
- [3] A finishing agent according to Claim 1 or 2, wherein the glycolether is selected from the group consisting of diethyleneglycol monomethylether, triethyleneglycol monomethylether, diethyleneglycol monoethylether, triethyleneglycol monoethylether, diethyleneglycol monobutylether, triethyleneglycol monobutylether, polyethyleneglycol monoalkylether, dipropyleneglycol monomethylether, polypropyleneglycol monoalkylether and poly(oxyethylene - oxypropylene)glycol monoalkylether.
- [4] A finishing agent according to any one of Claims 1 - 3, wherein a polyhydric alcohol and a glycol ether are used in combination as the b) component.
- [5] A finishing agent according to any one of Claims 1 - 4, wherein a dye is added and mixed.
- [6] A finishing agent according to any one of Claims 1 - 5, wherein an oxidation inhibitor is contained.
- [7] A process for producing artificial flowers, wherein flowers or leaves of plants are dipped directly in the finishing agent according to Claims 1 - 6 and then they are dried, to be prepared to artificial flowers or leaves which can be preserved for a long time with keeping their natural states.
- [8] A process for producing artificial flowers, wherein water in plants is substituted with a water-soluble and volatile organic solvent having a specific gravity smaller than water (A solution) and then, the organic solvent is substituted with a polyoxyethylene derivative solution (B solution), to prepare the fresh flowers of the plants to artificial flowers which can be preserved for a long time; and the finishing agent according to any one of Claims 1 - 6 is applied to at least a part of the surfaces of the fresh flowers treated with the polyoxyethylene derivative.